



Kuring-gai NSW Police Local Area Command (LAC)

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in the NSW Police Force - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC), which includes most of the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the [Kuring-gai LAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from an other Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email our](#) NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

🚗 Please feel free to [share/forward this eNewsletter](#) with your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

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Here's some stats from the weekend (12pm Friday to 4pm Monday).

| OFFENCES | Break & Enter | Malicious Damage | Stealing | Steal from motor vehicle | Steal Motor Vehicle |
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| Baburb | 1 | | | | |
| ARCADIA | | | | | |
| ASCUTH | | | | | |
| BEROWRA | | | 1 | 4 | |
| BROOKLYN | | | | | 1 |
| COWAN | | | | | |
| GALSTON | | 1 | | | |
| GORDON | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| HORNSBY | | | 3 | 1 | |
| HORNSBY HEIGHTS | | 1 | | | |
| KILLARA | 1 | | | | |
| MT COLAH | | | | | |
| MT KURING GAI | | 1 | | | |
| NORMANHURST | | | | | |
| PYMBLE | | | | | |
| ST IVES | | 1 | | | 1 |
| THORNLEIGH | | | 2 | | |
| TURRAMURRA | | | 1 | | |
| WAHROONGA | | | | | 1 |
| WAITARA | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| WARRAWEE | | | | | |
| WEST PYMBLE | | | | | |
| WESTLEIGH | | | | | |

Data range: 12 May to 15 May

Berowra: Stealing 1, Steal from Motor Vehicle 4

Brooklyn: Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Galston: Malicious Damage 1

Gordon: Break & Enter 2, Malicious Damage 1, Stealing 1, Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Hornsby: Stealing 3, Steal from Motor Vehicle 1

Hornsby Heights: Malicious Damage 1

Killara: Break & Enter 1

Mt Kuring Gai: Malicious Damage 1

St Ives: Malicious Damage 1, Steal Motor Vehicle 1

Thornleigh: Stealing 2

Turrumurra: Stealing 1

Wahroonga: Steal Motor Vehicle 1

Waitara: Break & Enter 7, malicious Damage 1, Stealing 1, Steal from Motor vehicle

11 May, from NSW Police Force



SCAM ALERT!

Beware of a circulating email scam claiming to contain an [Origin Energy](#) bill requiring payment from noreply@originenergysolar.net.

DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINKS! They may contain malware.

Report a scam [here](#).

11 May, From NSW Rural Fire Service

Smoke from planned hazard reduction burning is currently settling over the Greater Sydney area. This is important work to protect people and property from the threat of bush fires. As the temperature drops, the smoke may settle overnight. You may see and smell smoke over the next few days as this work continues. If you have a condition where smoke affects you, follow your normal health plan. Check for hazard reductions near you [here](#).

11 May, Kuring Gai LAC - NSW Police Force

Stealing and possible break and enters in the NorthTurrumurra / Killara area.

Please pass this information on to any elderly family member and friends as they

are the ones being targeted.

Wallets and handbags are being stolen as a result of break and enter, steal from motor vehicles, lost property etc.

There are reports a male described as, Caucasian appearance, mid 30's, 180cm tall, short brown hair and possibly unshaven is stealing wallets and handbags in the North Turrumurra / Killara area.

If your wallet or purse has been stolen, please cancel every bank card immediately and report the incident to Police.

There is a possibility you may get a call from a 'bank' saying your cards has been handed in, but they need to verify it's yours by asking for your cards PIN to confirm your identity.

A BANK WOULD NEVER REQUEST THIS SORT OF INFORMATION

NEVER PROVIDE YOUR PIN.

If in doubt about the call, ask for their name and ask for the branches number and tell them you will call them back.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION.



11 May, Tiered locals deflated by vandalism

Berowra residents are tired of teenage vandals pushing screws into car tyres and

graffiti tagging buildings in the area.

Hornsby councillor, representing Berowra, Nathan Tilbury said vandalism is rife with about 40 cars suffering punctured tyres.

[More information here.](#)

11 May, Hornsby Police News, 10/5/17

Hornsby crime this week included burglary, a potential hit and run over a pedestrian, home break-ins as well as a jewellery heist.

Waitara: A police car's windscreen was smashed and bottles were thrown at police after they arrived at a party on Balmoral St about 9pm on Friday, May 5. Police were called to an abandoned property in the street where a group of teenagers came out of a house using profanities. A 19-year-old man, known to police, challenged them and due to the large number of males at the property becoming aggressive, police decided to get back into their car. A bottle was thrown at the car and smashed its windscreen. When more police arrived they found the 19-year-old allegedly still being rude and saying "take your guns off and let's go". A foot pursuit ensued over the Waitara railway line and while the teen was on the run he was allegedly heard to say "you'll never catch me, you're a dog". The teen was eventually caught, arrested and taken to Hornsby police station where he was charged with offensive behaviour and affray. He is on conditional bail to face Hornsby Local Court on May 17.

Hornsby: A 2.5 tonne jewellery safe containing two cut polished pearls worth \$8000 in total was stolen from a business in Hunter St between 3pm on Friday, May 5 and 9am on Saturday, May 6. Thieves entered the business via a roller door and it is believed that a forklift found at a neighbouring business was used to load the safe onto a vehicle. Police are reviewing CCTV from businesses in the area.

Cowan: Two trucks with trailers collided, causing two southbound lanes of the M1 motorway to be closed about 9.15am on Monday, May 8. One driver was charged with negligent driving after allegedly running into the back of the other truck.

Hornsby Heights: Windscreen wipers were snapped off a Nissan Pathfinder parked at Mount View oval carpark between 12.35pm and 2.30pm on Friday, May

5.

Warrawee: A 51-year-old woman suffered a fractured nose, damaged teeth, cuts and bruising when she was hit by a car on the Pacific Hwy near Knox Grammar School at a pedestrian crossing about 6.40pm on Monday, May 1. The woman was allegedly hit by a man driving a car while she was walking over the road during a green man signal. She went over the bonnet of the car and was taken to Hornsby Hospital. Police are seeking witnesses and would like to get the driver's version of events.

Normanhurst: Burglars stole about \$4000 in cash and \$6000 worth of jewellery from a home in Stewart Ave between 1.20pm and 6pm on Friday, May 5. Thieves entered through the front door by unknown means. The victim returned home and found the front door ajar.

Hornsby: Sunglasses and a log book were stolen from a Mercedes parked on Valley Rd at 1.13am Thursday, May 4. Dashcam footage shows three young men wearing hooded jumpers checking car doors on the street before stealing items from the car.

Hornsby: A wallet with credit cards and a drivers licence was stolen from the centre console of a Nissan Pathfinder left unlocked on Pretoria Pde between 9pm on Wednesday May 3 and Thursday May 4.

Wahroonga: A a computer worth about \$1200 was stolen from the office of a nursing home on the Pacific Hwy between 8.30pm on Sunday, May 7 and 4am on Monday, May 8. Burglars broke in via a ground floor window after removing a flyscreen.

9 May, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force



Police are seeking information which will lead to the identification of what must be a massive 'black market' for the sale of "stolen" P plates.

We are constantly told "They must have been stolen!"

Please remember to secure your P plates to your vehicle or remove them when parked. Simply place them on the drivers seat to remind you to put them back on. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure you are displaying them.



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Following on from last week's advice about phoning in an emergency and our preference for 000 rather than 112, we have received more information from one of our weekly eyewatch eNewsletter readers in the know. Thank you, Malcolm. He says:

"Not only is 112 a valid emergency number in Australia, but it is also the international emergency number and will work in countries outside Australia. Globally, 112 is a far more important emergency number than 000, which only works in Australia. I'm sure many of your readers travel overseas from time to time, and they should not be discouraged from remembering 112. Additionally, for anyone who happens to use a phone made before 2002, 112 does provide additional coverage by accessing any network, not just the carrier to which the user is subscribed."

Malcolm has shared the link to the correct, official **Australian Government -**

Attorney General's Dept information [found here](#). Please take the time to read their webpage.

Please also be aware of why last week we promoted 000, rather than 112, for use in Australia. It can be confusing for some members of our community. The government website states:

"Calls to 112 do not go to the head of the queue for emergency services...112 does not give your call priority over Triple Zero (000)." We understand that this means your 112 call will have a lower priority in the queue.

Also of note: Calls to 911 will not re-route to Triple Zero (000).

The picture below is a NSW Police Force colouring-in sheet that is given out at community events to encourage children to learn the Triple Zero number. [Email us here](#) for a copy in your inbox.



Protect yourself from Ransomware

A ransomware campaign has impacted a number of organisations globally, including the UK's National Health Service.

Ransomware is malicious software that makes data or systems unusable until the victim makes a payment.

We are continuing to monitor the situation closely. If you have been affected by the Wanacry ransomware, you can report the incident to the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) [here](#).

ACORN provides information on how to recognise and avoid common forms of cybercrime, such as hacking, online scams, online fraud, identity theft, attacks on computer systems and illegal or prohibited content, as well as offering advice to those who have fallen victim.

ACORN makes it easier and more convenient to report cybercrime to a law enforcement agency.

Find out how [here](#)

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 15 to 20 May: Privacy Awareness Week, run by the [Office of the Australian Information Commissioner](#) [Info](#).

Saturday 20 May: Berowra Fire Station Open Day 10am to 2pm.

Thursday 25 May: **FREE** Workshop for Supervisors of Learner Drivers 6:30-8:00pm @ Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Bookings essential. [Info](#)

Tuesday 30 May: Volunteers Expo 11am - 2pm in the Hornsby Mall. NHW Crime Prevention stall plus NHW recruitment info. [Join in or more info here](#).

Wednesday 28 June: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

14 August to 20 August: Rail Safety Week [Info](#).

Wednesday 23 August: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

15 March to 14 September 2017: Commercial Explosives Amnesty

Saturday 07 October 2017: Community Picnic @ St Ives Village Green as part of NHW Australasia's NHW Week.

Wednesday 01 November: 10am @ Hornsby Police Station - Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC) **Email us any issue you'd like discussed.**

Crime Stats for April 2017 - Gordon

| INC_CATEGORY | FURTHER_CLASS | ADDRESS | START_DATE | START_TIME |
|--------------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|
|--------------|---------------|---------|------------|------------|

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|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------|------|
| ASSAULT | ACTUAL BODILY HARM | PACIFIC HWY | 07-04-17 | 2100 |
| FIRE | OTHER COMMODITY | WERONA AVE | 24-04-17 | 1500 |
| MALICIOUS DAMAGE | MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY | ELGIN ST | 29-04-17 | 1615 |
| SCHOOL INSPECTION | EXTERNAL PATROL | CAMERON RD | 18-04-17 | 1200 |
| STEALING | STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE | CECIL ST | 07-04-17 | 1800 |
| STEALING | OTHER STEAL | DUMARESQ ST | 11-04-17 | 1800 |
| STEALING | OTHER STEAL | DUMARESQ ST | 21-04-17 | 1530 |
| STEALING | OTHER STEAL | MCINTYRE ST | 22-04-17 | 2100 |
| STEALING | OTHER STEAL | DUMARESQ ST | 21-04-17 | 1200 |
| STEALING | OTHER STEAL | | 29-04-17 | 1300 |
| STREET OFFENCE | OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR | ST JOHNS AVE | 28-04-17 | 2336 |

12 May, NSW Road Safety

The Sydney Harbour Bridge is lit up in yellow this week as part of National Road Safety Week. Road crashes affect too many Australian families with over 1,200 deaths and 30,000 seriously injured every year.

11 May, from North Shore Times

KILLARA

1 A boy, 13, allegedly caused the garage of his family home on Northcote St to be destroyed by fire on Friday. The child was allegedly playing with matches about 6pm when he lit a piece of paper and threw it near an unopened petrol can.

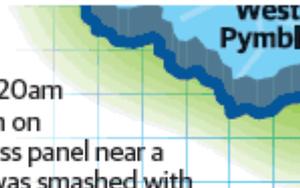
GORDON

2 A house on Dumaresq St was ransacked between 7pm and 8.50pm on Friday. Police said someone climbed atop a barbecue to gain access to the first-floor window of a property, before stealing up to \$40,000 of gold jewellery.

PYMBLE

6 A spate of break and enters occurred on Livingstone Ave last week, with houses ransacked and items stolen.

Between 9.20am and 11.50am on Friday, a glass panel near a front door was smashed with eight rooms in the house ransacked. Watches, jewellery, bags and clothes were stolen. Between 8.30am and 11.25am that day the ground floor window of another home was smashed, however no items were taken. Another home was ransacked between 9am and 2pm on Friday, with jewellery taken. Call 9476 9799 if you have any information.



KILLARA

7 A storage cage of a property on Culworth Ave was targeted about 1.30am on Friday, when someone

stole a grinder and vacuum which were later found nearby. CCTV footage showed the culprit cutting a hole in the front of the cage. He is described as being of caucasian appearance, 20-25 years old, tall, thin to medium in build and was wearing a black sleeveless jumper with white writing and a beanie.



M2 weekend traffic changes 21 – 23 May

From 10pm to 4.30am each night

Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time or consider alternative routes if planning to use the M2 between 10pm and 4.30am each night from Sunday 21 May to Tuesday 23 May 2017. There will be merging lanes, traffic stoppages and delays caused by construction work at Epping and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h around the construction area.

In the event of wet weather, construction may be rescheduled to the following weekend. For the latest traffic information on the day, visit livetraffic.com or call 132 701.

If you're catching a bus

There will be no changes to bus stops and routes, but please allow extra travel time. To plan your trip, visit transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

What work is being undertaken?

Transport for NSW is upgrading overhead powerlines across the M2 Motorway at Epping as part of the Power Supply Upgrade Program.

Find out more about this project at transport.nsw.gov.au/projects or call 1800 684 490.



13 May, Have you heard about this different kind of farm on the outskirts of Sydney?

Forensic scientists say they have been overwhelmed by the number of people wanting to donate their corpses to the southern hemisphere's first body farm.

The secret bushland facility on the outskirts of Sydney is being used to study how human bodies decompose.

It was established in early 2016 by Professor Shari Forbes, a forensic scientist from the University of Technology Sydney.

[Read more here.](#)

12 May, NSW Police Force



Sex without consent is a crime, no matter the circumstances. Being married or in a relationship is not an excuse. For those victims who are unable to make that step to report the crime to police, they can use the Sexual Assault Reporting Options (SARO) and remain anonymous. (However it is unlikely an investigation and arrest

can proceed without a formal complaint to police).

If you have any doubt what consent is and what consent means, watch this short [video](#), courtesy of our colleagues at Thames Valley Police in the U.K. For more information, click [here](#).

12 May, Car Rego Plate Locking Screws are available again, thanks to Altrex swapping out the ones we hardly use. Thank you Sarah and Paul.

You can get your set for free FROM JULY ONWARDS (sorry, but our elf is away) by emailing your car make and model to NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com. We can arrange for them to be picked up from Hornsby or Gordon Police station.

11 May, from Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

Disclosing too much information to the wrong parties can compromise your privacy and impact your digital reputation.

Privacy Awareness Week (PAW) 2017 | 15–19 May. run by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner aims to highlight the importance of keeping our personal information private. Learn more [here](#).

10 May, NSW Police Force

Police have executed two search warrants at professional health premises as part of a continuing investigation into the alleged defrauding of the Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance scheme.

In August 2016, detectives from the State Crime Command's Fraud and Cybercrime Squad established Strike Force Ravens to investigate syndicates targeting the CTP insurance scheme following recommendations of the CTP Task Force.

The CTP Task Force is a NSW Government initiative coordinated by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA), involving representatives from various

government agencies and legal, health, and insurance sectors.

As part of ongoing investigations, Strike Force Ravens detectives simultaneously executed two search warrants in Auburn and Bankstown yesterday.

At 10.15am yesterday (Tuesday 9 May 2017) SF Ravens detectives executed a search warrant at a professional health premises on Kitchener Parade, Bankstown and seized documents and computers.

At the same time, SF Ravens detectives executed a search warrant at a professional health premises on Queen Street, Auburn and seized documents and computers.

To date, Strike Raven investigators have arrested five people and laid 69 charges in relation to a combined fraud of \$6.2 million.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to CTP Green Slip fraud to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page [here](#) Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

9 May, How Will Self-Driving Cars Enable Access for Disabled Individuals?

AI technology in the automotive industry could be put to use enabling those with physical disabilities.

Read more at <https://www.ca.com/us/rewrite/articles/digital-transformation/how-will-self-driving-cars-enable-access-for-disabled-individual.html#kRPVDbwWbHvXMkuE.99>

[Click here for details.](#)

9 May, Crime Stoppers NSW

Safety for Seniors... (Part 2 of 7)

Do you have an elderly loved one? Share with them these safety tips to help keep them safe when VISITORS come knocking.

- * If you're not sure who it is, don't open the door.
- * If someone is at the door and you are alone, pretend someone else is there.
- * Be suspicious of people wanting to enter your home. Ask for identification, look at it carefully and contact their office for verification.
- * If someone wants to use your phone for an emergency, offer to make the call for them, but keep them out.

If you know of any senior family member or neighbour, living in circumstances that may cause you to be concerned for their welfare, or if you believe them to be at risk then you can report online [here](#) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7). You can remain anonymous.

8 May, Neighbourhood Watch within NSW Police



Quick pics from Sunday's Festival on the Green at St Ives.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

NSW Police - Kuring-gai Local Area Command (LAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Kuring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai LAC](#)

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

[NSW Police - website](#) for crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

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